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CLAIMS

What is claimed and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is as follows:

- A method for managing a retention of risk by an entity comprising the steps of:
 determining an estimate for an amount of future claims that could be brought against the entity;
 - calculating a cost of insurance the entity should obtain to alleviate the risk due to the potential future claims;
 - determining the entity's optimum amount of retained risk; and providing a funding mechanism to pay a portion of claims for which the entity has retained responsibility.
- 2. The method for managing the retention of risk according to claim 1, wherein the funding mechanism used to pay the claims is a dedicated line of credit.